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SUMMARY

- Creates the Ohio-Israel Trade and Innovation Partnership to study means of advancing issues of mutual interest between Ohio and Israel.
- Makes \$5 million operating appropriations for the Partnership in fiscal years 2026 and 2027.
- Makes an appropriation.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Ohio-Israel Trade and Innovation Partnership

The bill creates the Ohio-Israel Trade and Innovation Partnership and directs the Partnership to advance the following as between Ohio and Israel:

- Bilateral trade and investment;
- Policy issues of mutual interest;
- Business and academic exchanges;
- Mutual economic support;
- Mutual infrastructure investment;
- Specific industries, emerging technologies, and innovation clusters;
- Multilateral partnerships between Ohio, Israel, and other nations; and

- Other issues as determined by the Partnership.¹

The Partnership consists of 14 appointed members, as follows:

- Three members of the Senate, two of whom are appointed by the Senate President and one by the Senate Minority Leader;
- Three members of the House of Representatives, two of whom are appointed by the Speaker of the House and one by the House Minority Leader;
- Eight members appointed by the Governor, consisting of one member each from: a state institution of higher education, Ohio Chamber of Commerce or successor organization, the nonprofit organization Ohio Jewish Communities, and JobsOhio, and two members each from a regional affiliate of JobsOhio and Ohio’s business community.

The Chancellor of Higher Education, Director of Development, and Lieutenant Governor also serve on the Partnership as members ex-officio, for a total of 17 members.²

Legislative appointees serve two-year terms, or for the remainder of the member’s legislative term, whichever is less. The Governor’s appointees serve terms of four years. The partnership’s members must select a chairperson from amongst themselves. Members serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses actually incurred in the performance of their duties. A majority of members constitutes a quorum for the transaction of Partnership business. The Partnership must meet and hold hearings throughout Ohio and issue an annual report of its activities to the Governor, Senate President, and Speaker of the House.³

Appropriation

The bill makes a \$5 million appropriation in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 to fund the Partnership’s operations.⁴

HISTORY

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¹ R.C. 122.1712(A).

² R.C. 122.1712(B).

³ R.C. 122.1712(C) through (F).

⁴ Sections 2 and 3.